GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Forest Department - Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri Sk. Deersha, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), formerly worked at Yerragondapalem Section, Yerragondapalem Range, under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Enquiry conducted - Imposition of penalty of "Withholding of 5% Pension for a period of two years" – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.17 **Dated.05.03.2024.**

Read the following:-

1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri, letter Ref.No.19027/27/2020/A&DC-1(iii) dated 30.06.2023.
2. Govt. Memo.No.1477/Sec.IV/A2/2023, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.IV) Department, dated.14.12.2023.
3. From Sri Sk.Deersha, Forest Section Officer (Retd), formerly worked at Yerragondapalem Section of Yerragondapalem Range of Markapur WLM Division, explanation, dated.10.02.2024.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri has reported that Divisional Forest Officer, WL Division Markapur in his Office Proc. Rc.No.741/2019/A3, dated 09.05.2019 has initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri Sk.Deersha, Forest Section Officer, Yerragondapalem Section of Yerragondapalem Range of Markapur WLM Division under Rule-20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, on the following count:

Article-I	"Sri Sk. Deersha, Forest Section Officer, Y.Palem Section of Y.Palem Range working from 03.04.2017 to till date has grossly neglected his legitimate duties in execution of Mini Percolation Tanks in Veerabhadrapuram Beat of Y.Palem Section of Y.Palem Range during 2018-19 under MGNREG Scheme thereby the Forest Section Officer has committed procedural lapses and deviation to sanctioned estimate by the competent authority and failed to follow the norms prescribed under the scheme in execution of works".

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the receipt of the Article of Charge on 27.05.2019 and submitted his written defence statement dated 11.11.2019. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Guntur appointed the Conservator of Forests & Field Director, PT, Srisailam as Common Inquiry Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer, WLM Division, Markapur as Common Presenting Officer respectively, in the Proc.No.EFS02-19027/27/2020/Vig-1(i&ii), dated 25.08.2021, for conducting regular enquiry.

3. The Inquiry Officer i.e., Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, PT Circle, Srisailam has submitted his findings in Rc.No.1129/2019-P.T-1, dated 31.01.2023, wherein the Inquiry Officer concluded that the Charge framed against the charged officer Sri Sk.Deersha, Forest Section Officer (Retd), formerly worked at Yerragondapalem Section of Yerragondapalem Range was **proved**.

4. The findings of the Inquiry Officer have been communicated to the Charged Officer through final notice in the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force Ref.No.19027/27/2020/Vig-1, dated 16.03.2023 and the Charged Officer has submitted his defence statement dated 'NIL'.

5. Since the Charged Officer has retired from the Government Service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2021, the Government alone are competent authority to finalize the disciplinary case under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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6. After careful examination of the matter keeping in view the findings of the Inquiry Officer, it has been provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "Withholding of 5% Pension for a period of two years", against Sri Sk.Deersha, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), earlier worked at Yerragondapalem Section of Yerragondapalem Range of Markapur WLM Division. Accordingly, in the reference 2nd read above, a Show-cause Notice has been issued to the charged officer on the proposed punishment for submitting his explanation.

7. In the reference 3rd read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his explanation and requested to drop the charge framed against him or to reduce the proposed punishment, as there is no financial loss to the Government.

8. As there are no new grounds/valid points put-forth by the charged officer in his explanation, it has been decided to impose a penalty of "Withholding of 5% Pension for a period of two years", against Sri Sk.Deersha, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), earlier worked at Yerragondapalem Section of Yerragondapalem Range of Markapur WLM Division, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of "Withholding of 5% Pension for a period of two years", against Sri Sk.Deersha, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), Yerragondapalem Section of Yerragondapalem Range of Markapur WLM Division, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

10. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri, shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Sk.Deersha, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), earlier worked at Yerragondapalem Section of Yerragondapalem Range of Markapur WLM Division
through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
A.P., Mangalagiri.

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